

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Docket No. API-03-03-PCT-US)**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE DATED DECEMBER 15, 2009**

25 This is a response to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 15, 2009. A new sequence  
listing is attached in computer-readable and paper form. A three-month extension of time to respond  
is required and hereby requested. Applicants do not believe any other requests or petitions are  
required; if this is in error, such requests or petitions are hereby made. The undersigned hereby  
authorizes the Commissioner to deduct all required fees in this application from Deposit Account No.  
30 500244.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on p. 2 of this response.**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on p. 8 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on p. 10 of this response.

35 Conclusions are found on p. 13 of this response.